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SUMMARY: THE CAMPAIGN HAD LITTLE NEW DEVELOPMENT DURING A WEEK MARKED PRIMARILY BY CELEBRATION OF THE MAY 4 AND 7 ANNIVERSARIES. THE FUTURE PURPOSE OF THE CAMPAIGN PICKED UP BY THE PROVINCES HAS BEEN TO TRACK DOWN COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES. ALTHOUGH THIS IMPLIES BROADENING THE CAMPAIGN TO INCLUDE OTHER TARGETS PRESUMABLY INCLUDING THE EDUCATION MINISTER, HIS STATUS AND THAT OF OTHER POSSIBLE TENG SUPPORTERS REMAINS UNCLEAR. HIGH-LEVEL VISITORS-- BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND AND SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER LEE-- VISITED PEKING WITH THE PRC LEADERSHIP CONTINUING TO REITERATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN AND WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE PRC'S FOREIGN POLICY.
END SUMMARY

1. CRITICISM CAMPAIGN: NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

CRITICISM CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES CENTERED AROUND RALLIES FOR THE MAY 4 AND MAY 7 ANNIVERSARIES (PARAS 3-4) WITH LITTLE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ARGUMENTS. TRACKING DOWN COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES (PARA 2) HAS CONTINUED AS A MAJOR FOCUS (WR 18). HERE THE BROADCASTING AND PEOPLE'S DAILY PLAY OF LIANG HSIAO'S MAY RED
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FLAG ARTICLE ON COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES GIVE WIDE-SPREAD PUBLICITY TO AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO TURN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST OTHER INDIVIDUALS. THE ARTICLE AND OTHERS WHICH HAVE APPEARED MAKE CONCERTED EFFORT TO LINK "OTHER CAPITALIST ROADERS" WHO ARE IN POWER IN THE PARTY WITH COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY INCIDENTS AND RUMORS. GIVEN GENERAL CONCERN AND SHOCK AT EARLIER EVENTS, THE CAMPAIGN PROMOTERS SEEM DESIROUS OF USING THIS CONCERN TO THEIR OWN ADVANTAGE. BY ARGUING THE LINK BETWEEN THE

"OTHERS" AND THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES AND RUMORS, THEY CAN THEN JUSTIFY THE BROADENING OF THE CAMPAIGN TO REMOVE THOSE PEOPLE FROM OFFICE AS WELL (HK 5420). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. CU PURSUIT OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES

PROVINCIAL RESPONSE HAS BEEN WIDESPREAD TO THE REGIME'S AD-MONITION TO TRACK DOWN COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES. PRESUMABLY, THESE PEOPLE INCLUDE LPOYCNITY

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AVE RAISED "TRACKING DOWN

COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIS" TO THE LEVEL OF A KEY GOAL IN THE CURRENT

DCAMPAIGN. THE SIMILAR WORDING STRONGLY SUGGESTS

THAT A CENTRAL DIRECTIVE HAS BEEN ISSUED ON THE SUBJECT. IN

ADDITION, FOUR MILITARY DISTRICTS AND ONE MILITARY REGION

HAVE ALSO ECHOED A SIMILAR CONCERN, SIGNALLING THAT THE PUR-

SUIT OF ANTI-REGIME ELEMENTS IS NOT TO BE LIMITED TO CIVILIAN

BODIES. WHILE MOST PROVINCIAL STATEMENTS EMPHASIZE THE NEED

FOR CONTROL AND CAUTION, PURSUIT ACTIVITIES REPRESENT A POTEN-

TIAL FOR EXPANDING THE CAMPAIGN INTO AREAS WHICH COULD RESULT

IN SERIOUS DIVISIONS AND DISORDER. FURTHER, THE IMPRECISENESS

OF THE TERM "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES" LEAVES LOCAL POWERHOLDERS

WIDE LATITUDE TO TURN THIS CALL TO THEIR OWN ENDS, THUS FURTHER-

ING THE POTENTIAL FOR DIVISIVENESS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. MAY 4 AND MAY 7 ANNIVERSARIES

THE FEATURE PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE COMMEMORATING THE MAY 4

MOVEMENT BEGAN ALONG STANDARD LINES WITH PRAISE FOR THE CONTRI-

BUTIONS OF THE YOUTH TRYING TO OVERTHROW THE OLD REGIME IN 1919

AND PARTICULARLY THE RED GUARDS' ACTIVITIES IN THE CULTURAL REVO-

LUTION. THE ARTICLE FURTHER URGED YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY

IN STRUGGLES AGAINST TENG AND TO DEFEND THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION.

AFTER THIS BRIEF BIT OF NOSTALGIA OVER PAST GLORIES, HOWEVER,

THE ARTICLE SPENT THE REMAINING PARAGRAPHS EMPHASIZING THAT

YOUTH COULD DEMONSTRATE THEIR REVOLUTIONARY COMMITMENT ONLY BY

SPENDING THEIR LIVES WITH THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS BUILDING

CHINA. THIS WAS DEFINED AS THE SOLE CRITERION DIVIDING REVO-

LUTIONARY FROM COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH. THE MAY 7 ANNI-

VERSARY ARTICLE AS WELL AS THE PROVINCIAL PLAY WAS MUCH

LESS REVEALING, MERELY ASSERTING THE GOODNESS OF CHAIRMAN MAO'S PRINCIPLE THAT ALL CADRES SHOULD PERIODICALLY BE RE-EDUCATED BY LABORING WITH THE MASSES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

4. IN THE PROVINCES, YOUTH LEAGUE AND RED GUARD CONGRESS SPONSORED RALLIES ECHOED THE NATIONAL MAY 4 THEMES OF JOINING IN THE CLASS STRUGGLE IN SOCIETY BUT WERE LESS SPECIFIC IN THEIR CALLS FOR WORK EFFORTS. THE EMPHASIS IN THE PROVINCES WAS GENERALLY ONE OF ENSURING OBEDIENCE TO THE CENTER AND TO PARTY LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS. SEVERAL PROVINCES, HOWEVER, CONCENTRATED ATTENTION ON THE NEED FOR YOUTH TO TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN THE CRITICISM ATTACKS AND THEIR REFERENCES TO CULTURAL REVOLUTION-ERA SLOGANS OF STRUGGLE AND CONFLICT COULD BE UNSETTLING INFLUENCES THERE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

5. FUNERALS AND LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES

THE ABSENCE OF WREATHS FROM SOME PEKING-BASED POLITBURO MEMBERS, ALL PROVINCIAL-BASED POLITBURO MEMBERS, AND THE FOUR POLITBURO ALTERNATES, HIGHLIGHTED THE OTHERWISE ROUTINE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LI TA-CHANG, AN NPC DEPUTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE PARTY'S UNITED FRONT WORK DEPARTMENT. THE LIST OF THOSE WHO FAILED TO MOURN THE OCCASION--LIU PO-CHENG, LI HSIEN-NIEN, YAO WEN-YUAN AND CHEN YUNG-KUEI--WAS PUZZLING SINCE THESE FOUR DO NOT APPEAR TO BE A HOMOGENEOUS GROUP. HOWEVER AMONG THE WREATHS AT THE FUNERAL OF FORMER PETROLEUM VICE MINISTER

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LI FAN-I WAS ONE FROM VICE PREMIER YU CHIU-LI, WHO HAD BEEN REPORTED ILL (HK 5221), AND WHO HAD NOT BEEN SEEN OR MENTIONED PUBLICLY SINCE THE DEATH OF CHOU EN-LAI. YU PRESUMABLY IS NOT TO BE AMONG THE CAMPAIGN CASUALTIES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. ON THE OTHER HAND, EDUCATION MINISTER CHOU JUNG-HSIN, HAVING SURVIVED PREMATURE RUMORS OF HIS PHYSICAL DEMISE, NOW AGAIN IS REPORTED TO HAVE LOST HIS JOB. THE LATEST REPORTS FROM FUTAN UNIVERSITY IN SHANGHAI CLAIM THAT HE HAS ALREADY BEEN SACKED, WHILE RECENT ONES FROM PEKING INDICATED THAT CHOU, HAD BEEN TOLD TO MEDITATE ON HIS COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY SINS FOR THE TIME BEING. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

7. THE UNITED STATES

IN A TERSE, ONE-SENTENCE ANNOUNCEMENT, NCNA NOTED THE ARRIVAL OF THOMAS GATES ON MAY 6. ON THE SAME DAY, A CHINESE TUMOR IMMUNOLOGY STUDY GROUP DEPARTED FOR THE US AND THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF CHINA'S SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION FETED A US MATHEMATICIANS'S DELEGATION HEADED BY SAUNDERS MCLANE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. PRC MEDIA REPORTING ON US-AFRICAN RELATIONS AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RECENT VISIT TO SIX AFRICAN COUNTRIES SUGGESTED CHINA'S QUALIFIED ENDORSEMENT OF AMERICAN EFFORTS TO COUNTER THE SOVIETS THERE. THERE REMAINED, HOWEVER, RESERVATIONS ABOUT CERTAIN FACETS OF THE NEW US AFRICAN POLICIES AND A STILL UNDISPELLED CONCERN ABOUT THE RESOLVE OF ITS PROXY COUNTER-WEIGHT TO THE SOVIETS IN AFRICA. (SEE HK 5338) MEANWHILE, DURING THE WEEK, NCNA ALSO TOOK NOTE OF A USG PROPOSAL ADVANCED BY DEFENSE SECRETARY RUMSFELD TO CONSTRUCT MORE WARSHIPS AND THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF AN FY 77 BUDGET INCLUDING A HIGHER ALLOCATION THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE. NCNA MAY 5-10 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

8. SINGAPORE AND ASEAN

ON MAY 10, PEKING ROLLED OUT THE CUSTOMARY RED CARPET WELCOME (MINUS THE USUAL PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL) FOR SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW. AT THE WELCOMING BANQUET, PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG PAID TRIBUTE TO THE PEOPLE OF SINGAPORE AND THE SEASIAN COUNTRIES' GROWING OPPOSITION TO HEGEMONY, IN PARTICULAR THEIR REBUFFS TO SOVIET EFFORTS IN THE AREA. HE PROVIDED THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE PUBLIC CHINESE EXPRESSION
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OF SUPPORT FOR ASEAN EFFORTS TO DATE WHEN HE HAILED ITS "POSITIVE PROPOSALS" FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A ZONE OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY IN SEASIA AND COMMENDED THE REGION'S GROWING ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HUA ALSO TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON THE SITUATION IN CHINA ("GETTING BETTER AND BETTER") AND THE WORLD ("EXCELLENT" WITH THE SUPERPOWERS JUST "MUDDLING ALONG") BUT OMITTED ADMONITIONS ABOUT THE DANGER OF WAR. UNCLASSIFIED

9. IN RESPONSE, LEE MADE A STRONG PITCH FOR ASEAN. HE ASSERTED THAT A "NEW PHASE" HAS BEGUN FOR SEASIA WITH ASEAN SOLIDARITY INCREASING THE REGION'S ABILITY TO AVOID EXTERNAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION FROM UNNAMED SOURCES. CHINA IS A PART OF ASIA, HE ADDED, WITH HER POLICIES A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE EVOLVING SEASIAN SITUATION. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO OPINED THAT DIFFERENCES OF IDEOLOGY AND NATIONAL INTERESTS SHOULD NOT PRECLUDE IMPROVEMENT OF BILATERAL "CULTURAL, TRADE AND OTHER RELATIONS," A FORMULATION REAFFIRMING THAT SINGAPORE IS NOT YET READY TO TIE THE DIPLOMATIC KNOT WITH PEKING (NCNA,

MAY 11) UNCLASSIFIED

10. MALAYSIA

PEKING'S DUAL POLICIES TOWARD SEASIA ARE LIKELY TO SPARK PROTESTS ANEW FROM BOTH KUALA LUMPUR AND THE VISITING SINGAPORE PRIME MINISTER. ALTHOUGH NCNA ON MAY 7 CARRIED THE TEXT OF THE MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO HUA KUO-FENG ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS PREMIER, THE NEXT DAY IT CARRIED HIGHLY DOWDLERIZED EXCERPTS OF AN APRIL 29 "VOICE OF THE MALAYAN REVOLUTION" (VOMR) EDITORIAL HAILING THE 46TH ANIVERSARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF MALAYA (MCP). THE BRIEF EXPURGATED VERSION INCLUDED THOSE PORTIONS INDICATING THE MCP'S PURSUIT OF ANTI-SOVIET, PRO-PEKING LINES AND ARMED STRUGGLE, BUT OMITTED VOMR'S REFERENCES TO CHEN PENG'S PARTY LEADERSHIP AND SPECIFIC CRITICISM OF THE "REACTIONARY RULE OF THE "HUSSEIN CLIQUE AND THE LEE KWAN YEW CLIQUE AND THEIR IMPERIALIST MATERS." (NCNA MAY 7 AND 8) UNCLASSIFIED

11. SINO-UK-HONG KONG

BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY ANTHONY CROSLAND WOUND UP HIS VISIT TO CHINA ON MAY 9 AFTER TALKS IN PEKING AND VISIS TO NANKING
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AND SHANGHAI. HE APPARENTLY FOCUSED ON BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS WHILE THE CHINESE SET FORTH THEIR VIEWS ON THE SOVIETS FOR THE NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. THE CHINESE ALSO RAISED AGAIN THE SUBJECT OF PRC REPRESENTATIONS IN HONG KONG BUT WERE REBUFFED BY CROSLAND. (NCNA MAY 5-10) CONFIDENTIAL

12. MEANWHILE, IN HONG KONG A GROUP OF RADICAL ACTIVIST STUDENTS LED BY HONG KONG UNIVERSITY (HKU) STUDENT MAK CHUNG-MAN PLANS TO HOLD A MASS RALLY ON MAY 16 TO DISCUSS THE RECENT TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT. EARLIER, ON MAY 4, THE RADICAL STUDENTS HAD FAILED TO GET LOCAL NCNA REPRESENTATIVES TO ACCEPT THEIR LETTER PROTESTING THE ARREST OF TIEN AN MEN DEMONSTRATORS AND THE DISMISSAL OF TENG HSIAO-PING. THE RADICALS' ACTIVITIES HAVE ALSO SPARKED A PLETHORA OF POSTERS ON THE HKU CAMPUS BOTH CONDEMNING AND SUPPORTING MAK.
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13. SOUTH ASIA

WHILE AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEWLY-APPOINTED INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, THE PRC LEADERSHIP CONTINUES TO PROVIDE HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION TO THE OTHER STATES IN SOUTH ASIA. FORMER NEPALESE PRIME MINISTER KIRTINIDHI BISTA WAS RECEIVED BY PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG AND HOSTED A A BANQUET BY FONMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA WHILE VICE PREMIER WU KUI-HSIEN MET WITH THE FIRST

DELEGATION OF PAKISTANI STUDENTS TO VISIT THE PRC. ANOTHER VICE PREMIER, SUN CHIEN, MET THE SRI LANKAN DELEGATION HEADED BY CULTURAL MINISTER TENNEKON. THE NEWLY-ARRIVED CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO DACCA, CHUANG YEN, PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT SAYEM AFTER HAVING EXPRESSED THE PRC'S "FIRM SUPPORT" FOR THE BANGLADESH PEOPLE ON HIS ARRIVAL IN DACCA. OBVIOUSLY, THE PRC DOES NOT INTEND THAT ITS GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH INDIA WILL IN ANY WAY HAMPER THE CAREFUL PAST CHINESE COURTING OF INDIA'S NEIGHBORS. NCNA MAY 5-7 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

14. THE SECOND AND THIRD WORLDS VS. THE SUPERPOWERS

IN TREATMENT SIMILAR TO THAT ACCORDED THE RECENT LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, THE PRC MEDIA IS DEPICTING THE CURRENT UNCTAD MEETING IN NAIROBI IN TERMS OF GROWING COOPERATION BETWEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE SECOND AND THIRD WORLDS AGAINST THE SUPERPOWERS, PORTRAYING THE PRC AS CHAMPIONS OF THE THIRD WORLD CAUSE, AND CONDEMNING THE SUPERPOWERS FOR SEEKING TO MAINTAIN ECONOMIC HEGEMONY. WHILE THE SOVIETS ARE SINGLED OUT FOR THE GREATER AMOUNT OF ATTENTION AND INVECTIVE, THE US HAS ALSO BEEN CONDEMNED IN A SERIES OF LONG NCNA ARTICLES FOR ATTEMPTING TO MAINTAIN THE OLD INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. IN THE PRC DOMESTIC MEDIA'S ONLY MENTION OF THE SECRETARY'S UNCTAD ADDRESS, NCNA MAINTAINED THAT THE SPEECH "HAS CAUSED RESENTMENT AMONG DELEGATES OF MANY THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES." IN CONTRAST, THE PRC REPRESENTATIVES (HEADED BY A VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE) HAVE MAINTAINED THAT A GROUP OF 77 MANILA MEETING PROPOSALS SHOULD SERVE AS THE "BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION" AT THE CURRENT UNCTAD SESSION. THE CHINESE MEDIA HAVE ALSO CONTINUED TO "WELCOME" MANY SIGNS THAT SECOND WORLD COUNTRIES INCREASINGLY FAVOR "DIALOGUE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH THE THIRD WORLD." PEKING'S LONG-STANDING SUPPORT OF RAW MATERIAL CARTELS IS ALSO MAINTAINED, ALTHOUGH THE CHINESE REMAIN OUTSIDE SUCH CARTELS THEMSELVES. (NCNA, MAY 5-11) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CROSS

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